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Vioxx Pulled; Hightens User Concerns

■ FDA under scrutiny after approving drug with dangerous side effects.

BY LAGINA PHILLIPS
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Vioxx, a drug used to treat arthritis pain, was pulled worldwide from the market Sept. 30 by pharmaceutical giant Merck & Co. after studies concluded that the drug may be responsible for more than 7,000 deaths and 27,000 heart attacks.

The latest study, conducted by a Food and Drug Administration researcher, along with other scientists and sponsored by leading health insurance company Kaiser Permanente, served as the final blow to Merck, the drug's maker, noting that from Vioxx's approval in 1999 through 2003 it has contributed to an estimated 27,785 heart attacks.

"It's a sad time, mostly for patients, many of whom had their lives transformed by Vioxx," said Edward M. Scolnick, Merck's former research president, who oversaw Vioxx development and approval in the 1990s.

Nearly two million people worldwide were taking the drug at the time it was pulled from the market.

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Merck's chairman and chief executive, Raymond Gilmartin, is adamant that his firm handled the early health warnings about the drug well. According to Gilmartin, he first learned of the evidence of Vioxx's dangerous side effects two weeks ago when Merck's president of research, Peter S. Kim, confirmed that a clinical trial oversight committee had recommended halting a study of Vioxx as a treatment for colon cancer because the risk to patients was too high.

"It was totally out of the blue," Gilmartin said. "I was stunned. This was totally unexpected."

A month earlier, Merck had defended the safety of Vioxx after a separate study suggested it could harm patients.

Gilmartin agreed to pull the $2.5 billion-a-year drug off the market four days after getting confirmation of the drug's side effects from Kim. Three days later, on Sept. 30, Merck disclosed the decision, causing the market value of the company to drop 25 percent.

The potential for elevated cardiovascular risk for Vioxx was first reported in a medical journal in 1999, the same year the medication was approved by the FDA. A Merck-sponsored clinical study in 2000 also indicated a higher degree of risk for cardiovascular complications, which prompted the company to include a relatively mild cau-

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WEST NILE - Valley College gardener Inocente Rodriguez picks up a dead bird in parking lot C that is presumed to have died from West Nile Virus.

West Nile Virus Found on Campus

■ Valley professor assists in the discovery of evidence linking West Nile to campus puddles.

BY CLAUDIA LOZANO
STAFF WRITER

Dead birds and larvae breeding puddles have been found at Valley College and are, officials report, evidence that the West Nile Virus has struck the campus.

According to Valley's gardening supervisor Jack Epling, the health department's veterinary control unit has picked up dead crows on campus to assess, for statistical purposes, West Nile in our ZIP code. Although the health department will not give campus officials the test results, the virus is in our district, he said.

The puddles were discovered by earth science professor Richard Raskoff

"I have noticed for a long time, on Campus Drive where the faculty parks, a big puddle, so, I went to Vice-President Tom Jacobsmeyer, and said "Tom I've been noticing some puddles,' and he said 'send me an e-mail,'" Raskoff said, noting that astronomy professor David Faulk sent the e-mail.

After waiting two weeks for a response and given West Nile's severe affects, Raskoff felt the matter called for urgent action. He talked to staff gardener Inocente Rodriguez, who handled the puddle immediately.

"As soon as Raskoff told me [about the puddle] I dried it out and told him your problem is taken care of," Rodriguez said. "If I see a puddle I'm supposed to dry it out or pour bleach into it to kill the larvae." Rodriguez said, referring to his orders on how to handle standing water.

Jacobsmeyer said he received an e-mail, and "copied it to facilities manager Tom Lopez," adding that Lopez is responsible for handling such matters.

Lopez said he had received calls regarding dead birds and standing water and informed Los Angeles Valley District Vector Control to no avail.

"I've called Vector Control myself about the dead birds, and we put them in plastic bags before we threw them away," Lopez said.

Due to the high number of calls reporting dead birds, Vector Control advises to dispose of them with gloves or plastic bags in trash cans and get rid of standing water.

Nineteen people have died in California from West Nile and a total of 714 state-wide cases have been reported to the Centers of Disease Control. According to the CDC, the virus

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Valley: 55 Years and Still Kicking

■ Second in a three-part series reflecting on Valley College's history.

BY ADRIANA OLIVAREZ AND LAGINA PHILLIPS
STAFF WRITERS

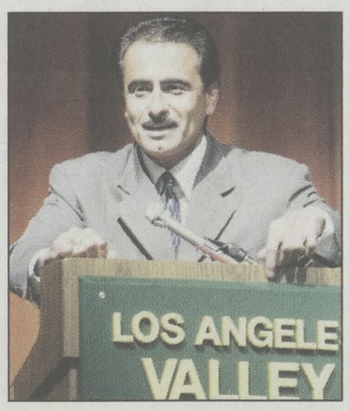
As Valley College celebrates its 55th anniversary, we are reminded of its rich past.

Since Valley College opened its doors Sept. 12, 1949, it has been the center of influence for education, cultural and political activities in the San Fernando Valley.

From its humble beginnings on the campus of Van Nuys High School, consisting of only five bungalows with 439 students and 23 faculty members, Valley College has grown to include more than 19,000 students and 500 faculty and instructors.

"Our college lays claim to no originality, yet is thrillingly full of promise," said the first director of the college, Vierling Kersey in an article in Valley Star's premiere issue on Oct. 7, 1949. "Our college promises to challenge and deserve esteem. Our college is 'just like' no other institution."

The college has also been a host to everything from presidential candidates' campaign visits to speeches given by accredited celebrities, poets and writers.



FILE PHOTO

STORIED HISTORY - Sen. Richard Alarcon is one of many notable people to speak at Valley College.

Notable political personalities such as Ronald Reagan, Bill Clinton and Jesse Jackson have visited the campus. Jackson appeared at Monarch Stadium to drum up votes for the presidential primary and Clinton stopped by on the campaign trail in 1994 to speak to students.

Not only have celebrities visited the campus; some have even attended the college. Famous Valley alumni include: Tom Selleck, Ed Begley Jr. and Sean Astin.

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Chicano Studies Has a Bit of Something for Everyone

■ A popular class brings in students of various ethnic backgrounds.

BY SYLVIA GRATE
STAFF WRITER

People of all nationalities are taking Chicano studies classes to learn about the contributions of Mexican-Americans in our society.

"Chicano studies is for everybody," said Valley College Chicano Studies professor Pete Lopez, one of two professors in the department. "We welcome everybody and anybody who wants to truly learn about our community to take classes."

Lopez, who has been teaching for 10 years, and Robert La Carra, who has been teaching for five years, are the only full-time Chicano studies instructors at Valley. Both instructors, who were educated at Loyola Marymount University, hope that a third full-time professor will be added to the department.

Mexican-Americans comprise the fastest growing ethnic group in Southern California, so the resurgence in interest in Chicano studies classes isn't surprising.

According to the 2000 U.S. Census Bureau, the Hispanic population is the largest ethnic group in Southern California at 40.57 percent. Census experts predict that the total Hispanic population in California will increase by more than 50 percent within the next 15 years.

According to Valley's Fact Book and Effectiveness Manual, 40 percent of the student population is Latino. The Chicano studies professors hope that by the fall 2005 semester new classes will be added and a new curriculum will be instated.

Chicano studies, part of the humanities department offerings, range from Chicano

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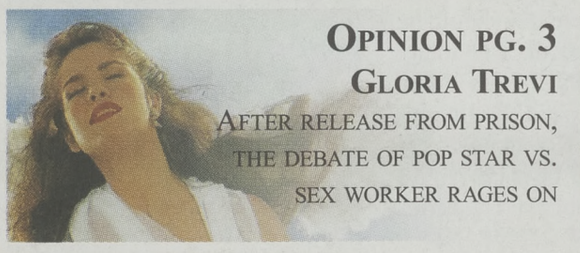
STILL AT IT - Chicano Studies professors Pete Lopez and Robert LaCarra's friendship dates back 23 years to their studying days at Loyola Marymount University.

ON CAMPUS

Speaking: Nobel Peace Prize-winning author Rigoberta Menchú will visit campus **Oct. 25** from **10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.** for a special speaking engagement, followed by lunch with faculty and students.



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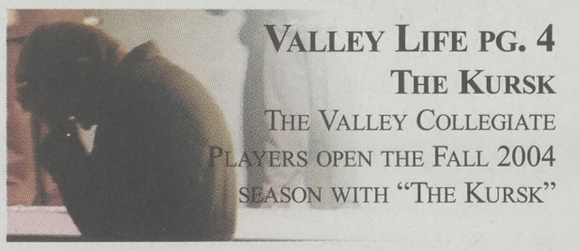

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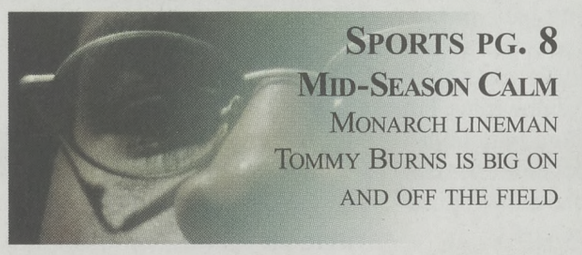

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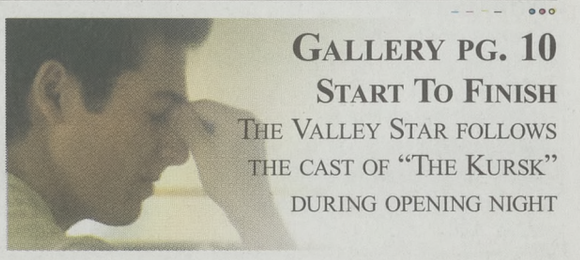

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THE VALLEY STAR FOLLOWS THE CAST OF "THE KURSK" DURING OPENING NIGHT

NEWS REEL

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57 KILLED IN BAGHDAD
A U.S. helicopter fired on a disabled U.S. Bradley fighting vehicle in Baghdad Sunday killing nearly 60 people, including an Arab television reporter who died on-air, while American forces battled insurgents.

NATIONAL:

REPEAT ARSONIST STRIKES COLUMBUS
Ten people died and many were forced to jump from story windows in a fire that raced through an ohio apartment building on Sunday. The fire was the fourth in the building in just six weeks and officials suspect arson.

STATE:

ARGAN UNDER INVESTIGATION
A legal investigation of Irvine Mayor Larry Argan has begun

CAMPUS EYE

CLUB DAY:
LATINO DAY CELEBRATION:
Wednesday, Oct. 13, 8 a.m.- 2 p.m. in Monarch Square

CREATING THE OPTIMAL LEARNING ENVIRONMENT:
Thursday, Oct. 14,
1 p.m.- 4 p.m. at Fireside Room

INTER-CLUB COUNCIL MEETING:
Thursday, Oct. 14, 1 p.m. at CC104

NOBEL PRIZE WINNER VISITS CAMPUS:
Monday, Oct. 25, 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at Monarch Hall

DIVERSITY COMMITTEE:
Fiday, Oct 15, 11 a.m. at CC104

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Monday, Oct. 18, 5:30 p.m. and Tuesday, Oct. 19, 1:15 p.m.- 2:30 p.m. at Administration 126.

COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY FAIR:
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L.A. VALLEY TRANSFER PROGRAM:
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Tuesday, Oct. 19, 3 p.m.- 4:30 p.m. at Administration 126.

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New Program is a Community Resource

■ **The child development department is starting a new infant-and-toddler training program to help Valley students.**

BY TIFFANY FARMAKIS
NEWS EDITOR

The child development department received a grant from the Vocational Education and Training Authority to start a parenting program for students with babies.

The program, called "Parent and Me," is for students who have babies and potential community infant care providers. Sessions will occur once a week for eight weeks initially and then will be extended to 12 weeks in the spring. All sessions will be developed and presented by a child development specialist and will include activities and discussions that not only strengthen parental abilities but encourage tighter bonds between parents and their children.

"We have a lot of students who have babies," said Marni Roosevelt, child development project director. "They're juggling a lot of balls; most of them are working, going to school and are new moms and dads."

According to Child Development Department Chair Lauren Okayama, the program will start with babies up to 6 months but will expand to include toddlers up to 18 months next spring.

There will be one group this semester focusing on infants (pre-walking). However, by spring 2005 there will be two separate groups: one focusing on infants and the other for young toddlers up to 18 months. Each session will accommodate from 8-10 parents.

Sessions will be scheduled during the day and will be provided free of charge. Evening workshops on infant- and- toddler development will also be available to participants and child development students.

"This program has a dual purpose: to help students with babies and also to train child development students," said Okayama. "It's a very innovative program."

Each session will include three- to- four student interns who will be working; however, Roosevelt and Okayama predict

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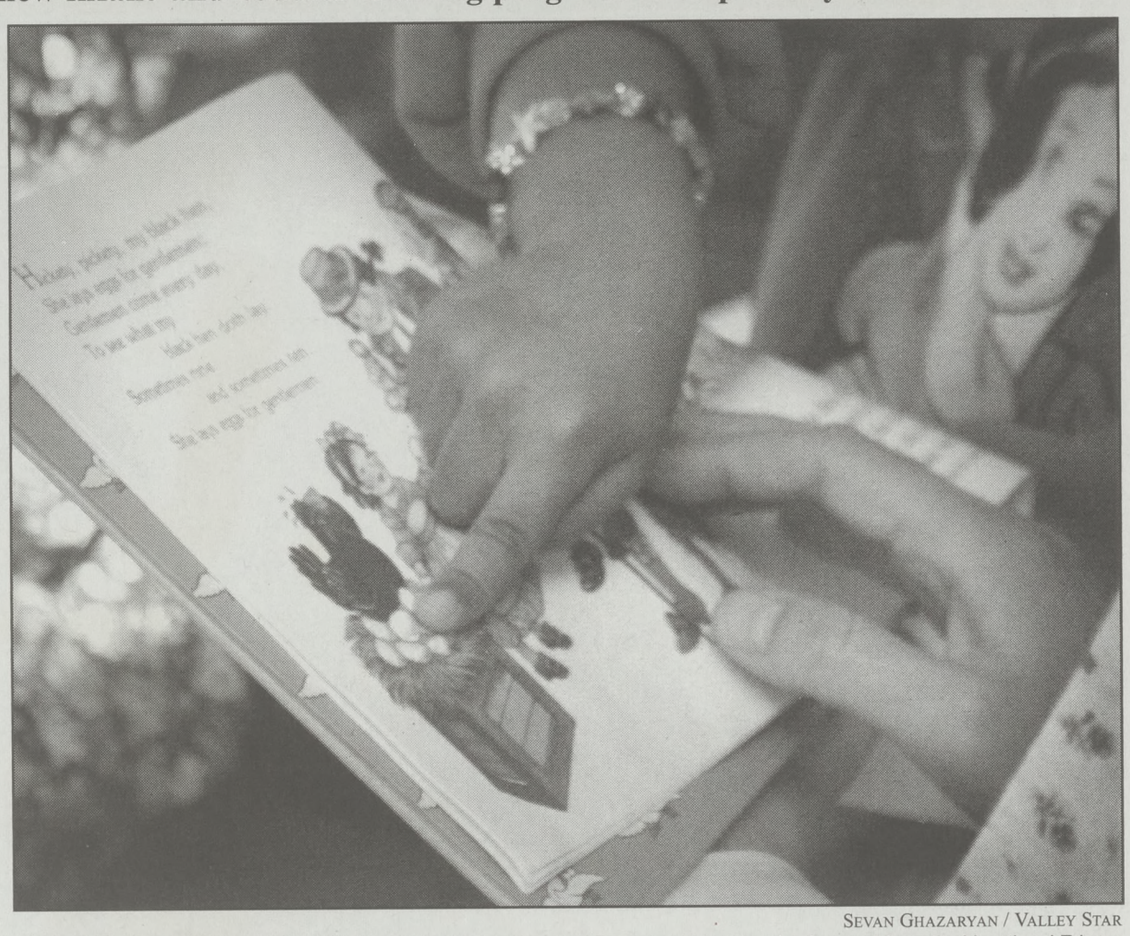

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PROGRAM WITH STUDENTS IN MIND - The Child Development Department has received a grant from the Vocational Education and Training Authority to start a parenting program aimed towards student-parents.

Money Talks, Women Walk

■ **Boycott encourages people, especially women, to cease shopping in protest the lack of women in executive positions.**

BY MAGGIE OWNBEY
STAFF WRITER

Imagine what would happen to the economy if, for an entire day, women did not shop. On Oct. 19 the 85 Broads Global Network is going to test that idea. Its 4,500 members will join thousands of other women around the world in a boycott against corporate America.

Dubbing it a Buycott, the network is asking women to leave their checkbooks and credit cards at home for one day as a symbolic gesture that they "don't buy" the glacial pace of change for working women around the world.

The goal of Buycott is to raise awareness and show women the effect that their individual purchasing decisions have on the economy, according to the website

"They should do it once a month," said Pat Allen, professor of sociology at Valley College. "We would then have the money to spend on things that are important, like books."

Janet Hanson founded 85 Broads in 1999 as an independent global network for current and former Goldman Sachs women professionals. The name is a play on the address of Goldman Sachs, the investment banking firm that Hanson worked at for 14 years, which is at 85 Broad St. in New York.

According to the 85 Broads website, in the United States alone, women currently control almost $4 trillion in annual consumer spending, take 50 percent

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CAMPUS CRIME

Caught With His Pants Down

BY ADRIANA OLIVAREZ
STAFF WRITER

Lewd Conduct:

On Sept. 30 a black male was arrested for lewd conduct. A witness reported to the Valley College Sheriff's Department that he heard the suspect masturbating in the men's bathroom in the business journalism building.

According to the report, when the officers entered the restroom the suspect said, "I am not jacking off." The suspect

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California Bans Smoking in Prisons

■ **Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger signed a bill to prohibit inmates from using tobacco products.**

BY TIFFANY FARMAKIS
NEWS EDITOR

Inmates will no longer be allowed to smoke at California correctional facilities, according to new legislation signed by Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger.

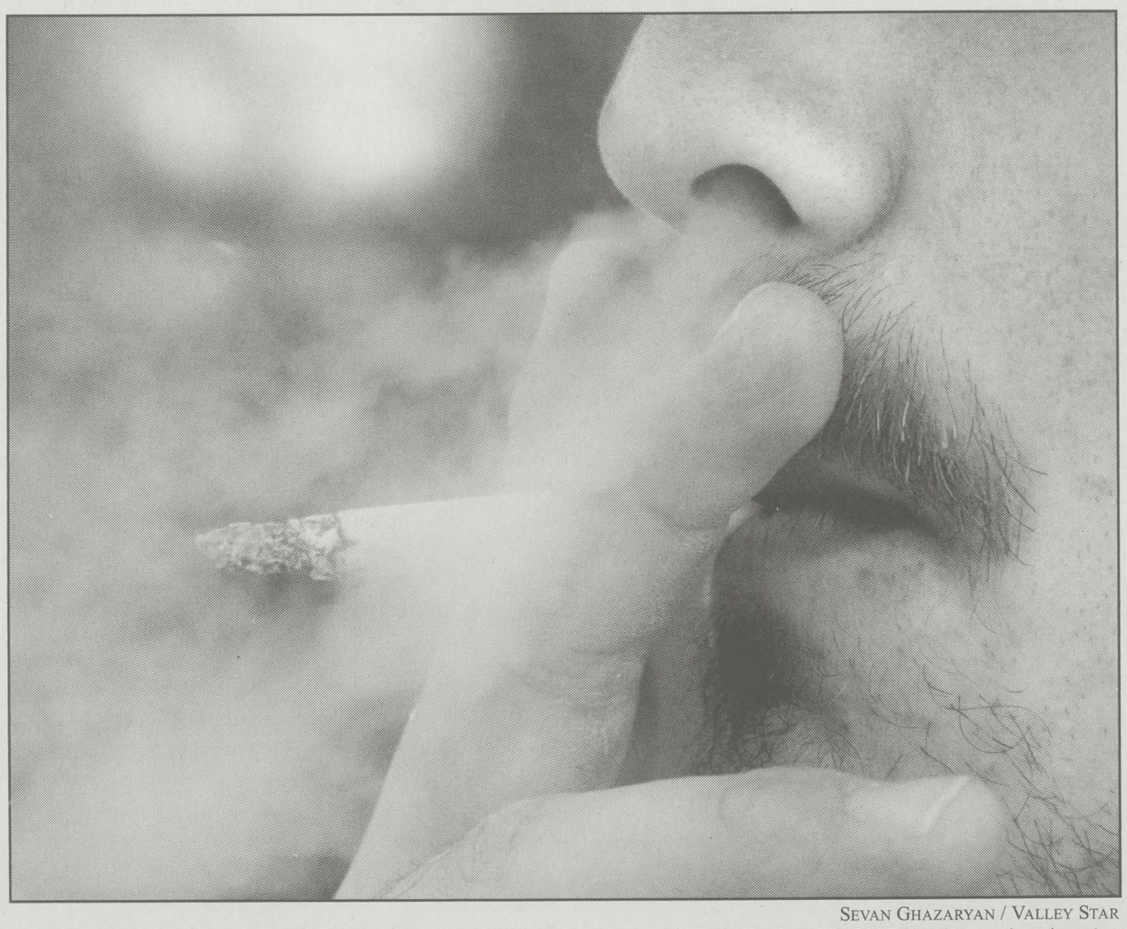
The tobacco ban will go into effect July 2005 and will cover smoking, snuff and chewing tobacco. Although staff members are expected to abide by the new legislation, they will still be allowed to smoke at in-staff housing when prisoners are not present and at Indian religious ceremonies.

The Department of Corrections already prohibits tobacco use by inmates in 13 of its 32 adult prison facilities, according to state officials. The California Youth Authority has banned tobacco use by its wards since the late 1980s, but both systems have smoking areas for staff.

Supporters said the move will help improve the health of 160,000 inmates, as well as saving money on healthcare.

Seven other states already have full smoking bans in their prisons and five others have partial bans, said Kevin O'Neill, an aide for Assemblyman Tim Leslie, who authored the bill.

Leslie predicted the legislation would "drastically reduce" prison healthcare costs.



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UP IN SMOKE - Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger signed a bill, which is set to go into effect July 2005, that bans prison inmates from using tobacco products.

"The governor has put us on the road to saving taxpayer dollars and prisoners' lives," he said.

However, bounty hunter Leonard Padilla, a former prisoner who ran for governor in California last year, argued that the financial and medical benefits to the state's 35 million residents would be insignificant.

Padilla argued that cigarettes are a powerful currency in prisons and the ban would potentially create "problems that are greater than the possibility of some inmates having lung cancer."

Critics of Schwarzenegger also said that enforcing the ban will be difficult and would infringe on inmates rights.

"I believe inmates should be allowed to smoke since so many of their rights have been taken away anyway," said linguistics major, Antonia Kovatcheva. "If you're meant to be sick, you'll be sick. If it's not the cigarettes

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Kerry's Too Sexy For His Shirt

■ **A closer look at Bush's record shows why he's not doing so well with the ladies.**

BY SUSAN MALTBY
OPINION EDITOR

Women have to consider more than meets the eye when it comes to deciding between Bush and Kerry.

We may have come a long way, baby, but now that we're here we're running low on cash. Women are still only paid 76 cents for every dollar earned by men.

American women have always suffered from pay disparity and the gap has increased during Bush's term, according to the Census Bureau.

Based on a July report in The Washington Post, the chicks working in the White House only earn 78 cents to every dollar earned by their male co-workers.

And for those with less prestigious addresses, the numbers are much more depressing. African- American women earned 34 cents less than men and Hispanic women were paid 46 cents less than men in 2002, according to statistics from the U.S. Census Bureau.

For no apparent reason, Bush decided to eliminate the Equal Pay Initiative, a program designed to expand federal enforcement against discriminatory practices that threaten equal pay for women and minorities.

After he took office, Bush closed the White House Office on Women's Issues. According to the Boston Globe, White House officials never did explain the decision other than to say the office expired at the end of Clinton's term.

As women weigh the pros and cons of each presidential candidate, most females agree that Kerry is at least easier on the eyes. An informal campus poll revealed that 25 percent of Valley women think Kerry is hotter than Bush, while 75 percent say Edwards' butt is cuter than both Bush and Kerry's faces put together.

Despite his bumpkin charm, Bush didn't improve the unemployment rate for women. It's now 37 percent higher than it was when he took office, based on recent Bureau of Labor statistics.

The unemployment rate for African- American women is 10.4 percent, 117 percent higher than Caucasian women. The rate for Hispanic women stands at 8.4 percent, which is 62 percent higher than for Caucasian women.

If the statistics so far weren't a big enough turn off, just check out Bush's flaccid performance on women's health care.

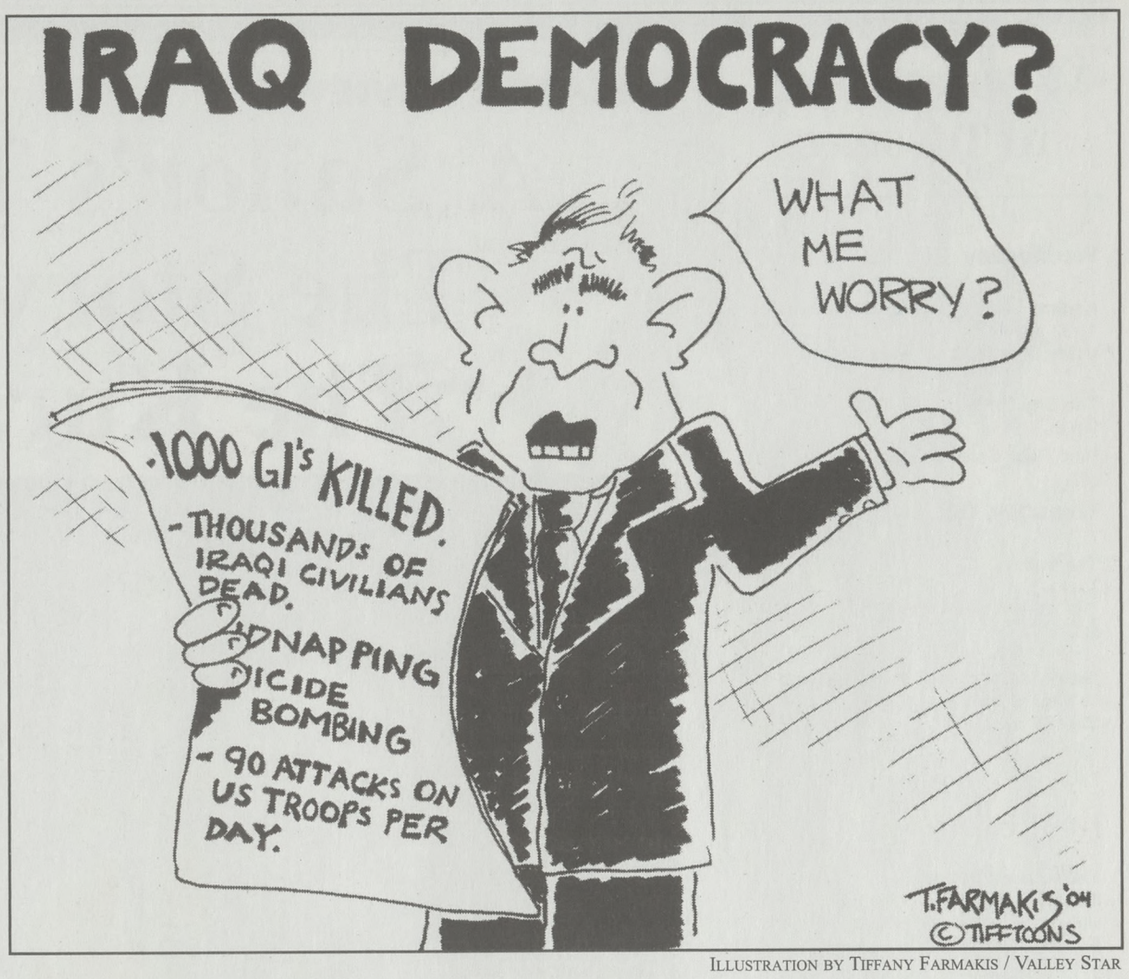
Since he took over, 2.2 million women in the country have lost healthcare coverage and higher costs have caused one quarter of women to delay or forego care, according to the U.S. Census Bureau.

For families, healthcare premiums have increased by $2,630 during the last four years, an increase of 49 percent, said the Kaiser/HRET Survey of Employer-Sponsored Health Benefits, 2003.

The National Women's Law Center reported that Bush's Department of Labor repealed legislation drafted by the Clinton Administration that allowed states to use unemployment funds to provide paid family or medical leave. The statute was drafted to help men and women take time off to care for a child or a sick family member.

Bush appointed Dr. David Hager to the Food and Drug Administration's Reproductive Health Drugs Advisory Committee. Hager, an ob-gyn, refuses to prescribe birth control to single women and recommends prayer as a treatment for premenstrual syndrome. Hager also joined the Christian Medical Association to lobby the Food and Drug Administration to reverse the approval of the abortion pill, RU-486, according to the New York Times article, "Tribulation Worketh Patience," and a report in the Oct. 14, 2002 Time magazine entitled "Jesus and the FDA."

Let's face it, when it comes to women's issues, Bush isn't looking sexy at all.



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CampusView

Who Looks Hotter: Bush or Kerry?

PHOTOS BY KHADIJAH ABDULLAH

"Kerry, because he's younger."

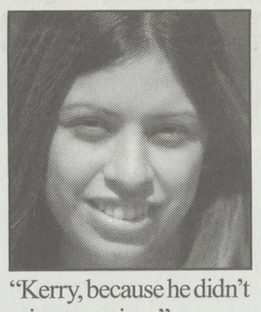
-Cindy Martinez

"Kerry. He doesn't look so wrinkly."

-Veronica Maza

"Kerry. He just does."

- Anna Webster



"Kerry, because he didn't raise gas prices."

- Carla Carillo

ALL THE NEWS THAT GIVES US FITS

Know Your Pills Before You Pop Them

BY KATHARINE ANDERSON
MANAGING EDITOR

It's a common scenario for far too many students. First the sniffles and sneezes plague overloaded minds, then comes the need for antibiotics. In between term papers and studying we traipse to the doctor's office and get those trusty prescriptions.

But, are they really trusty?

The commonly used antibiotic erythromycin, when used in concert with newer drugs, sends the risk of cardiac arrest to five times higher, according to a study conducted by Dr. Wayne A. Ray, a Vanderbilt professor of preventive medicine.

The Food and Drug Administration's solution? The drug's labels already note the risk.

Although, according to an FDA spokesman, they are reviewing the study to see if additional label changes are needed.

How many patients actually read through the pages and pages of drug information that comes with prescriptions?

Not many.

Now, how many instead trust their doctors to explain the risks and prescribe accordingly?

Too many.

Think about it. How many patients does a doctor see in one day? If the waiting room is any kind of an indicator – too many. With every patient that is seen, the chances of a doctor overlooking a dangerous medication interaction increases.

And yet, patients still regard their prescriptions as safe, not reading the enclosed FDA warnings.

With the overwhelming demand for new prescription drugs, the FDA is under scrutiny for approving too quickly, without requiring the necessary extended clinical trials.

Vioxx, a popular arthritis pain reliever, was pulled from the market Sept. 30. The drug's maker, Merck & Co., cited an increased risk of heart attack and stroke in people who used the medication.

A 37-year-old man died from a heart attack in 2001 after taking Vioxx for a month.

More than three and a half years later, the drug is recalled.

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ONE WAY OR ANOTHER

EACH WEEK, THE VALLEY STAR EXAMINES AN ISSUE FROM TWO SIDES.
THIS WEEK: **POP STAR GLORIA TREVI: INNOCENT OR GUILTY?**

■ **Make your voice heard! Participate in the online poll at *www.lavalleystar.com***

Trevi: Victim, Not Abuser

■ **"Mexico's Madonna" wins freedom amidst vicious accusers.**

BY CLAUDIA LOZANO
STAFF WRITER

Phone calls poured into radio stations supporting her release and she was given a hero's welcome in her hometown of Monterrey, Mexico. Her fans have always been appreciative of her candor and often identified with her songs of teenage angst and plight for social reform.

Pop sensation Gloria Trevi, known as the "Mexican Madonna,"along with her manager / lover Sergio Andrade and two backup singers, was in prison for the last five years. Two years ago they were extradited from Brazil to Chihuahua, Mexico to face accusations of kidnapping, corruption of minors and rape.

Trevi was finally released Sept. 21 for lack of evidence. "No offense was found," Trevi's lawyer, Bernardo Batiz, said when asked if Trevi had been found guilty.

Andrade remains imprisoned and will be tried separately.

The story unraveled when Andrade's ex-wife singer, Aline Hernandez, in a 1998 book titled "Aline: La Gloria por el Infierno" (Aline: To Glory by Hell), said she considers Trevi a girl manipulated and madly in love with Andrade, willing to do anything for him. Hernandez accused Trevi of "idolizing" Andrade and luring innocent girls with promises of stardom.

The title of the book piggybacked Trevi's fame and only after being published did other alleged victims come forth with their sad tales of sexual abuse, slavery, corruption and false promises.

One has to wonder why they waited until then.

If her accusers have been unable to prove her guilt in this five-year span, what is the controversy?

Trevi deserves to be free.

What happened to innocent until proven guilty?

Her accusers have done nothing but create a web of allegations and half-truths lacking substantial evidence to merit a trial. Trevi has maintained her innocence from the beginning and claims Andrade was legally married to a couple of those underage girls, including Hernandez . She wonders why Mexican authorities did not stop these unions, and blames the girls' parents for allowing them, according to online reports.

Back up singer and plaintiff, Karina Yapor, has done nothing but profit from the scandal.

She filed charges against Trevi and Andrade, then quickly sold her "exclusive" to just about anyone who paid her to talk.

Hardly the attitude of a victim.

Whatever Trevi's done, she has more than been punished for.

Trevi is a victim – just like the other girls – a victim of a ruthless man.

Trevi: Trouble and Sleaze

■ **Gloria Trevi got off too easy after she corrupted and abused young girls.**

BY ADRIANA OLIVAREZ
STAFF WRITER

Mexican pop diva Gloria Trevi and her manager, Sergio Andrade, lured pretty, talented young girls into sexual slavery with the promise of fame and fortune. They took the hopeful young girls out of the country and most of them became victims of daily sexual and physical abuse.

Trevi was the hook to lure those girls into becoming Andrade's sex slaves.

She is as guilty as he is.

After 5 years of imprisonment facing charges of rape, kidnapping and corruption of minors, Trevi was released from El Cereso prison in Mexico on Sept. 21.

An even greater outrage is the way the superstar smiles to the cameras, giving the impression of a martyr.

"It really surprised me that ... Mexican justice can recognize when there is no reason to convict somebody, and you've got to have balls to do that," Trevi said in an online report on religionnewsblog.com.

But Trevi is no saint.

The 36-year-old singer rose to stardom in the 1990s and some dubbed her "The Mexican Madonna" because of her controversial lyrics and racy image.

One of the victims, backup singer Karina Yapor, began spending time with the entertainers when she was 12 and gave birth to Andrade's son when she was 15.

"I'm scarred for life," said Yapor. She also said she requested an appeal, stating that freeing Trevi is unjust. "I can show that judge the scars on my breast from the tortures I was submitted to."

The 1998 book "Aline: La Gloria por el Infierno" (Aline: To Glory by Hell), chronicles the horrific experiences of Aline Hernandez, another young victim who also has a child by Andrade.

Hernandez witnessed Trevi helping Andrade with the abuse and domination of their entourage of teenage performers.

While awaiting extradition in a Brazilian prison, Trevi alleged a guard raped her.

She later changed her story and said that an inmate did. Subsequent DNA tests confirmed that the father of her child was actually Andrade.

Seems lying comes naturally to Trevi.

According to Judge Javier Pineda in Mexico City, there wasn't sufficient evidence to pursue rape and kidnapping charges against Trevi.

How much more evidence would be enough?

Prosecutors are still considering an appeal of the singer's acquittal. It's not too late for Mexico to find a sense of justice instead of letting money and fame dictate the law.

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VALLEY LIFE

WEDNESDAY TO TUESDAY

Wednesday, Oct. 13

Kadima String Quartet
11:30 a.m.
Valley College Music Recital Hall

The City Drive
9 p.m.
Hard Rock Cafe, Universal City

Thursday, Oct. 14

The Used
7 p.m.
The Wiltern, Los Angeles
$20

"Baker's Candles," "At Home" and "3 Flights Up"
Short Plays
8 p.m.
Valley College Horseshoe Theatre

Friday, Oct. 15

Taking Back Sunday
6:30 p.m.
Hollywood Palladium, Hollywood
$18.50

Los Lonely Boys
8 p.m.
The Wiltern, Los Angeles
$25-$30

"Baker's Candles," "At Home" and "3 Flights Up"
Short Plays
8 p.m.
Valley College Horseshoe Theatre

Saturday, Oct. 16

"Baker's Candles," "At Home" and "3 Flights Up"
Short Plays
8 p.m.
Valley College Horseshoe Theatre

Monday, Oct. 18

LAVC Wind Ensemble
Dean Immel, Conductor
8 p.m.
Valley College Main Stage Theatre
$5

Wednesday, Oct. 20

Drive By Truckers
8 p.m.
Troubadour, West Hollywood
$15

Thursday, Oct. 21

Lisa Stidham, soprano
Twyla Meyer, piano
11:30 a.m.
Valley College Music Recital Hall

Ben Folds
8 p.m.
El Rey Theatre, Los Angeles
$30

Friday, Oct. 22

Alice Cooper
7:30 p.m.
Greek Theatre, Los Angeles
$29.50-59.50

Flogging Molly
8 p.m.
The Wiltern LG, Los Angeles
$21

Los Lobos
8:15 p.m.
Universal Amphitheatre, Universal City
$29.50-$39.50

Saturday, Oct. 23

LA Phil: Mahler Symphony No. 1
8 p.m.
Walt Disney Concert Hall, Los Angeles
$15-$125

Vanity Fair Presented By Step Up W/ Camp Freddy
9 p.m.
The Wiltern LG, Los Angeles
$35-$50

Sunday, Oct. 24

Ska Is Dead Tour Feat: Mustard Plug & Catch 22
7 p.m.
Troubadour, West Hollywood
$12

Monday, Oct. 25

PJ Harvey
8 p.m.
The Wiltern LG, Los Angeles
$32.50

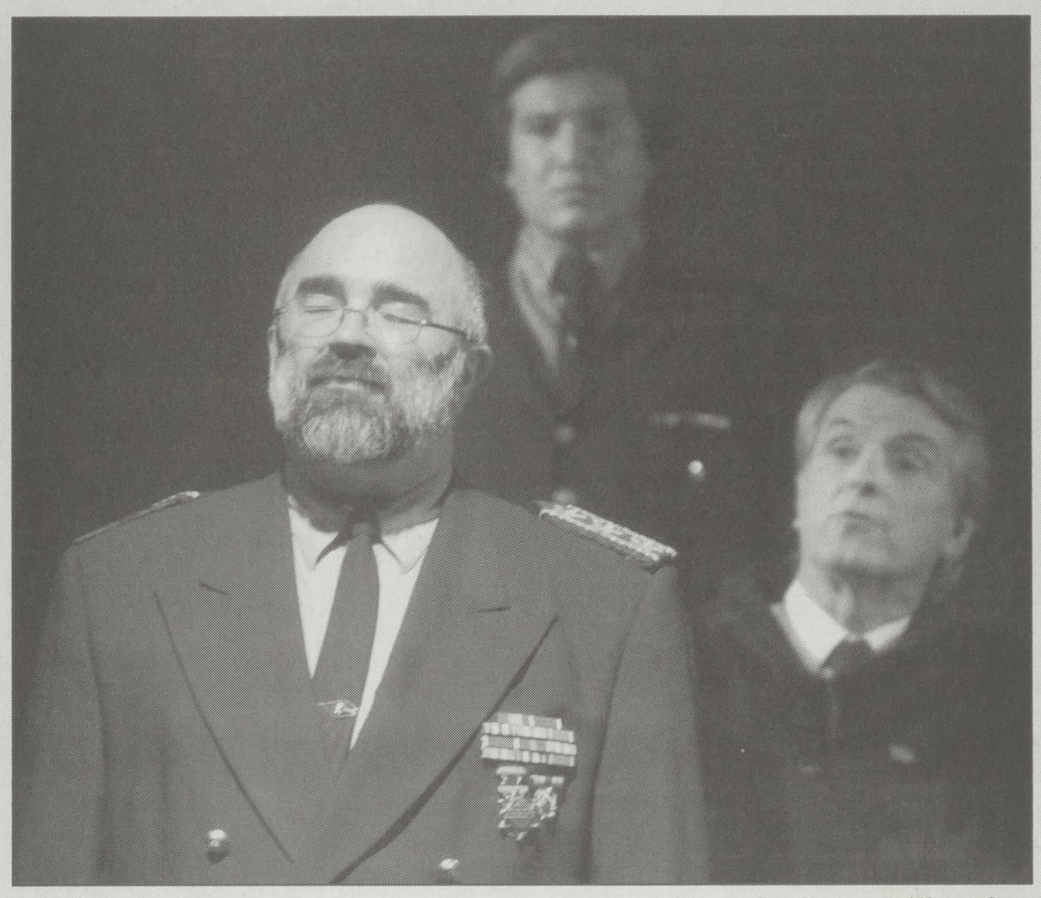
National Lampoon's Metal Skool
9 p.m.
Roxy Theatre, Hollywood
$12.50

Tuesday, Oct. 26

PJ Harvey
8 p.m., The Wiltern LG, Los Angeles

THEATER REVIEW

A Sailor's Tale: The Story of "The Kursk"



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EATING OUT - "Popov" (Jeff Reese), left, is deep in thought as "Commodore Russell" (Billy Koegler), right, and "Yaklov" (Oscar Pineda) look on in Addison Randall's production of "The Kursk" Oct. 7 at the Valley College Horseshoe Theatre.

■ A Valley College student teams with her husband, a Valley alumni, to bring the true-story of a sunken ship to the stage.

BY ZABIE MANSOORY
STAFF WRITER

"The Kursk," written by Denise Dougherty, a former Valley College student, is based on the true story of Russian submarine, The Kursk, which sank into the sea with its 118-member crew stranded aboard in August 2000.

President Vladimir Putin's representative Admiral, played by Jack Mahollan, didn't like the idea of his Search & Rescue team and Navy Commander getting help from other nations because of national security and national pride issues and they let their sub-marine sink into the ocean with the crew.

The ship's captain (played by Ron Loetz) ignored his orders from Moscow and asked for help from the west as the last resort, but it was too late for the sailors. Moscow eventually sent help, but the entire crew was dead by the time they arrived. The captain was dismissed from his duty after the tragedy.

This inspiring piece, directed by Addison Randall, provides insight into a tragic event and brings the sailors' emotions to life using video clips from re-enacted news coverage of the sinking. Randall does an outstanding job transforming this actual event onto the theatre stage.

The cast included Valley College Students, Alumnus and professional Actors.

The lead characters, Todd Dimitri (Timothy Miller) and Popov (Jeff Reese) led the cast through the dramatic, intense scenes with grace while displaying their natural acting abilities.

The supporting cast also did an outstanding job throughout the play, especially when portraying the suffering of the crew as they waited for help to arrive.

The play, though a sad story, is an incredible and joyful experience that everybody should see.

Next week, A Triple Bill of Short Plays will be playing in the Horseshoe Theatre including "3 Flights Up," "At Home" and "The Baker's Candles" Oct. 14 through 16 at 8 p.m.

COMING UP

Theatre: "Three X Three - A Triple Bill of Short Plays" comes to the Horseshoe Theatre Oct. 14-16 at 8 p.m. with **"3 Flights Up," "At Home"** and **"The Baker's Candles."** For reservations, call (818) 947-2790.

A PIECE OF THE PLAY

'The Kursk" was '...dedicated to those who did not survive.'

Billy Koegler, in his role as Commodore Russell in Addison Randall's production of "The Kursk."

Photo by Dan Villaseñor

VALLEY CONCERTS

It Don't Mean A Thing If You Ain't Got That Swing

■ Jazz man Page Cavanaugh entertains a full house at Valley College.

BY BILLY HINES
STAFF WRITER

The Valley College Campus Concert Series is now going full tilt following the Page Cavanaugh Trio's slick performance this past Thursday morning in the Music Recital Hall. The band received a standing ovation after entertaining the crowd for a solid hour with great jazz music.

The set was filled with gems from the past century of American music, which included the band's interpretations of tunes penned by Duke Ellington, George Gershwin, and Hoagy Carmichael. Cavanaugh's voice was a nice touch to the band's rendition of Kurt Weil's "September Song," a beautiful song about the end of the year and the changing of the seasons. Another crowd pleaser was Carmichael's "Small Fry," which started out fast before settling into a smooth number reminiscent of a Randy Newman tune. Throughout the band's 11-song set, Cavanaugh looked like a little kid playing the piano with second-nature skill, ranging from the upbeat "Walkin' My Baby Back Home" to the somber "Mood Indigo."

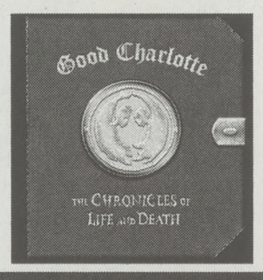
This incarnation of the Page Cavanaugh trio includes bassist Phil Mallory and drummer Dave Tull. The interaction between the band members was seamless, three accomplished musicians just having a good time.

Formed after World War II, the Page Cavanaugh Trio has been playing jazz music since 1945. In the past 60 years, the 82-year-old Cavanaugh has toured with Frank Sinatra, been in movies with Doris Day and shared bills with Benny Goodman and Louis Armstrong. Cavanaugh has also been a guest on Larry King, and has sold out Carnegie Hall twice. A piece of America's golden age, Page Cavanaugh is graciously sharing his talents and experience with the younger generation.

ALBUM REVIEW

GC's New Release is 'Predictable'

■ Good Charlotte's new album fails to bring something original to the table.



Good Charlotte
"The Chronicle of Life and Death"
★★★½

BY CHELSEA BANKS
STAFF WRITER

Following the recent pop-punk trend, MTV poster boys Good Charlotte's new album "The Chronicles of Life and Death," is experimenting with a slightly harder sound. But unlike its peers, Good Charlotte found no need to strive for any semblance of unique ideas.

Good Charlotte's first attempt at originality, the intro to its album, is a pitiful effort at being artsy and complex. The first track shows that Good Charlotte apparently wants to make a signature of absurd intros that are disturbingly asynchronous to the rest of the album.

The second track picks up where the album should have started. "*These are the chronicles of life and death and everything between*," sings Joel Madden in his trademark whine during the chorus of the title track, a perfect precursor to the rest of the album.

Somewhere in the middle of the album, there are two incongruous and unseemly 80s pop flashbacks which take a few tracks to get over.

Good Charlotte's other experimental moments end up sounding awkward and misplaced, such as the screamed lyrics during the bridge of "Predictable."

Despite the few crumbs of originality and some inconsistent quirks, one can rest assured that Good Charlotte hasn't given up its style-pilfering ways.

Songs like "We Believe" and certain moments during "Mountain" have a sound reminiscent of Third Eye Blind.

Good Charlotte continues copying other bands' style with "In This World (Murder)" which sounds like it belongs on Trapt's last CD.

"Chronicles" isn't without its occasional gems, however.

"*There is no hope / that's what we're told*," *Madden sings*

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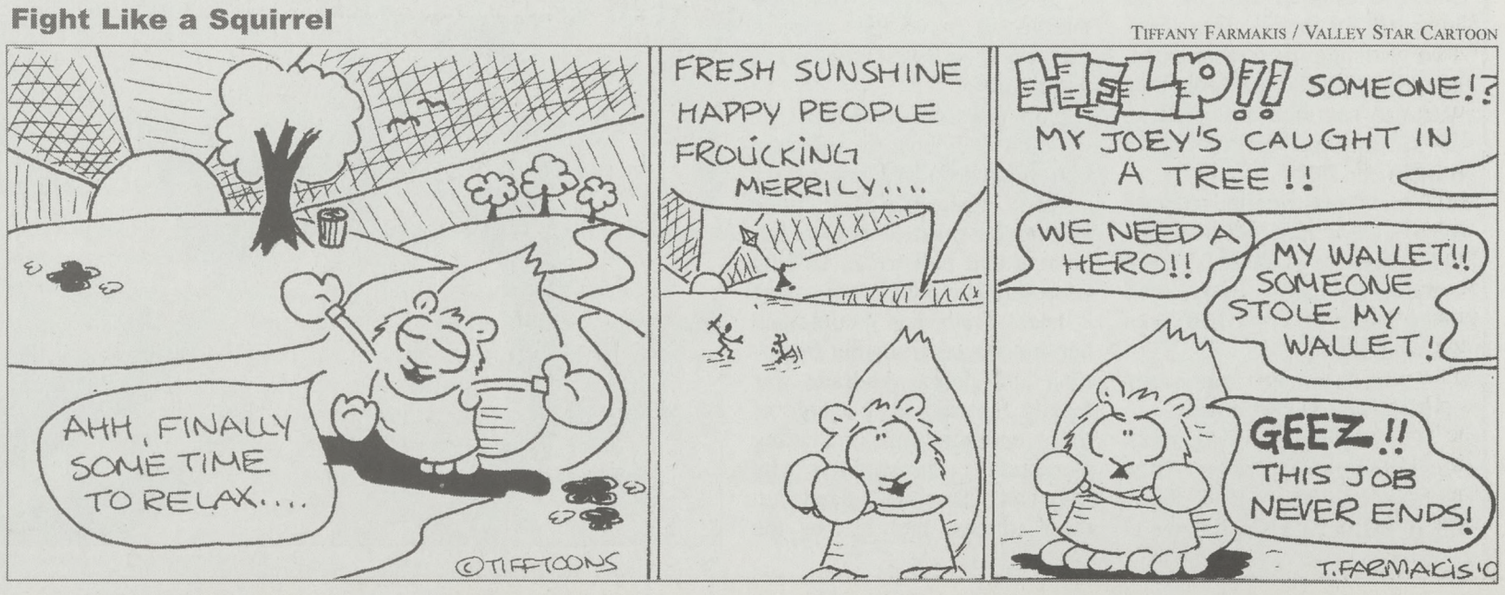
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Contest Gives Students Opportunity to Study Abroad

Dan Villaseñor / Valley Star

AUF WIEDERSEHEN - That's German for "good-bye." Dr. Sybille Peniche thinks that the study abroad program is a great experience for any student interested in a once-in-a-lifetime chance.

■ Three lucky students will win trips to study in France.

By Solangel Campos
Staff Writer

Studyabroad.com is teaming up with Truman State University, IPAG-School of Management and the STA Travel to award three scholarships for students to study in Nice, France during spring 2005.

"Many students say that cost is the major limiting factor to studying abroad,"said John Duncan, manager of studyabroad.com. "This sweepstakes is our way of promoting international education while making a student's dream of studying abroad come true."

Although the study abroad scholarship is available to any student, studyabroad.com is also offering the top three victors additional scholarships to Truman University.

The grand prize winner will receive a $2,000 scholarship, the second-place winner will receive a $1,000 scholarship and the third-place winner will receive a $500 scholarship. Ten runners-up will also receive a Studyabroad.com prize pack.

Truman State ranked sixth in the nation among master's universities for the number of students studying abroad, according to Open Doors 2002.

"I would like to study in a different country, to meet different people, [experience their] culture and way of living," said Valley College student Leyla Velasco.

Nearly 50 percent of high school graduates are attending college, according to the U.S. Census. Of that number only about one percent of students study abroad.

According to "Study Away: the Unauthorized Guide to College Abroad," the benefits to studying abroad are very valuable. It can give students a global perspective that is not only good on a personal level, but can also be very impressive to future employers.

"The greatest benefit of multicultural exposure is the confidence one gets to mix freely with people without shying away," said an alumnus of the U.S. International University in Nairobi in "Study Away."

The book also states that learning a new language can be an asset. Many companies are now requiring that their employees speak a second language.

Sweepstakes winners will be randomly selected Nov. 19 electronically. Students can enter online at studyabroad.com no later than Nov. 12. For full details about the sweepstakes, including eligibility requirements, go to www.studyabroad.com/sweepstakes.

Hard Rock, Solid Performance

■ Headlining band "Story of the Year" rocks the Wiltern.

By Chelsea Banks
Staff Writer

It may have been the "Nintendo Fusion Tour," but everyone seemed to be there for the music, considering that the gaming stations at the sold out show were nearly empty.

Never has a crowd been so involved with every act that graced the stage. If shows were judged purely by crowd participation, then this one would get six out of five stars.

Letter Kills opened the show, and though the Wiltern was still filling up, there was plenty of enthusiasm throughout the crowd.

As My Chemical Romance prepared to take the stage, the darkened stage was flooded with fog, red light and lightning flashes. Translucent screens, one with a skeleton bride and the other with a skeleton groom, were set up on either side of the stage.

Deafening screams filled the room in anticipation for the band to begin its set. As the first notes of the song permeated the room, pogoing, crowd surfing and shoe-tossing began.

Though most of the lyrics were unintelligible, none of the fans singing along seemed to mind.

Lost Prophets began their set with the "Back to the Future" theme and bright lights skimming over the audience. The crowd became a living thing; breathing, dancing and reciting the words to the songs as one entity.

Even though headlining act Story of the Year didn't do any of its trademark back flips, it was still a memorable show.

In the middle of its set the band played a medley of songs ranging from Goo Goo Dolls' "Iris" to "Sweet Home California," a play on Lynyrd Skynyrd's "Sweet Home Alabama."

"Whoa! In the shadows of the night!" the audience shouted along to Story of the Year's encore "In the Shadows."

When the house lights came up for the last time, people lingered and milled out slowly, still basking in the afterglow of the performance.

ALBUM REVIEW

Used and Still Abused

■ Emocore rockers explore the intricacies "In Love and Death."

The Used
"In Love and Death"
★★★★

By Cheyenne Mathews
Valley Life Editor

Simply because lead singer Bert McCracken no longer screams so hard as to induce vomiting during live performances, do not assume that The Used has gone soft. The band has merely matured, as evidenced by its sophomore effort, "In Love and Death."

Though not as grippingly raw as The Used's self-titled debut, "In Love and Death" is a solid album

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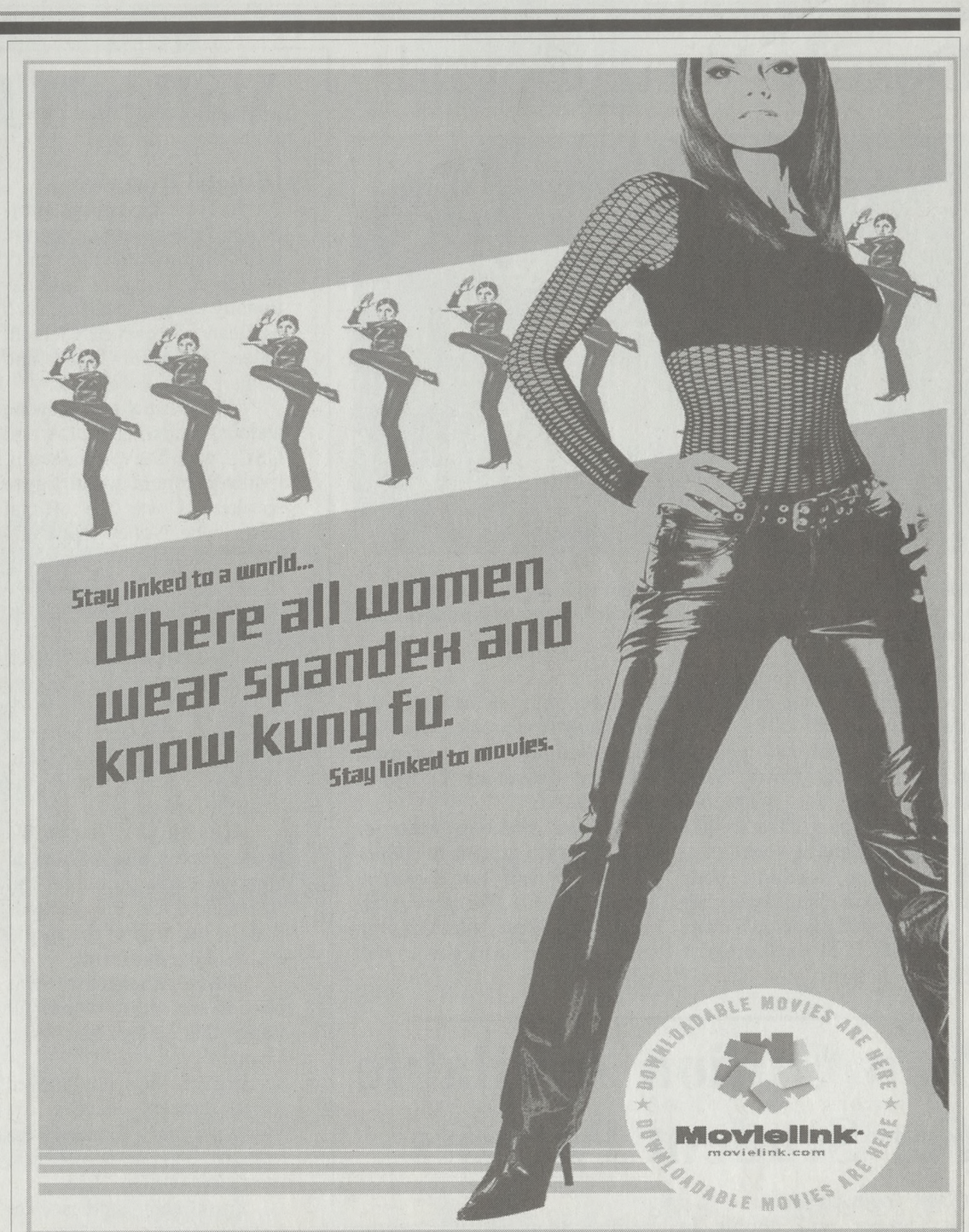
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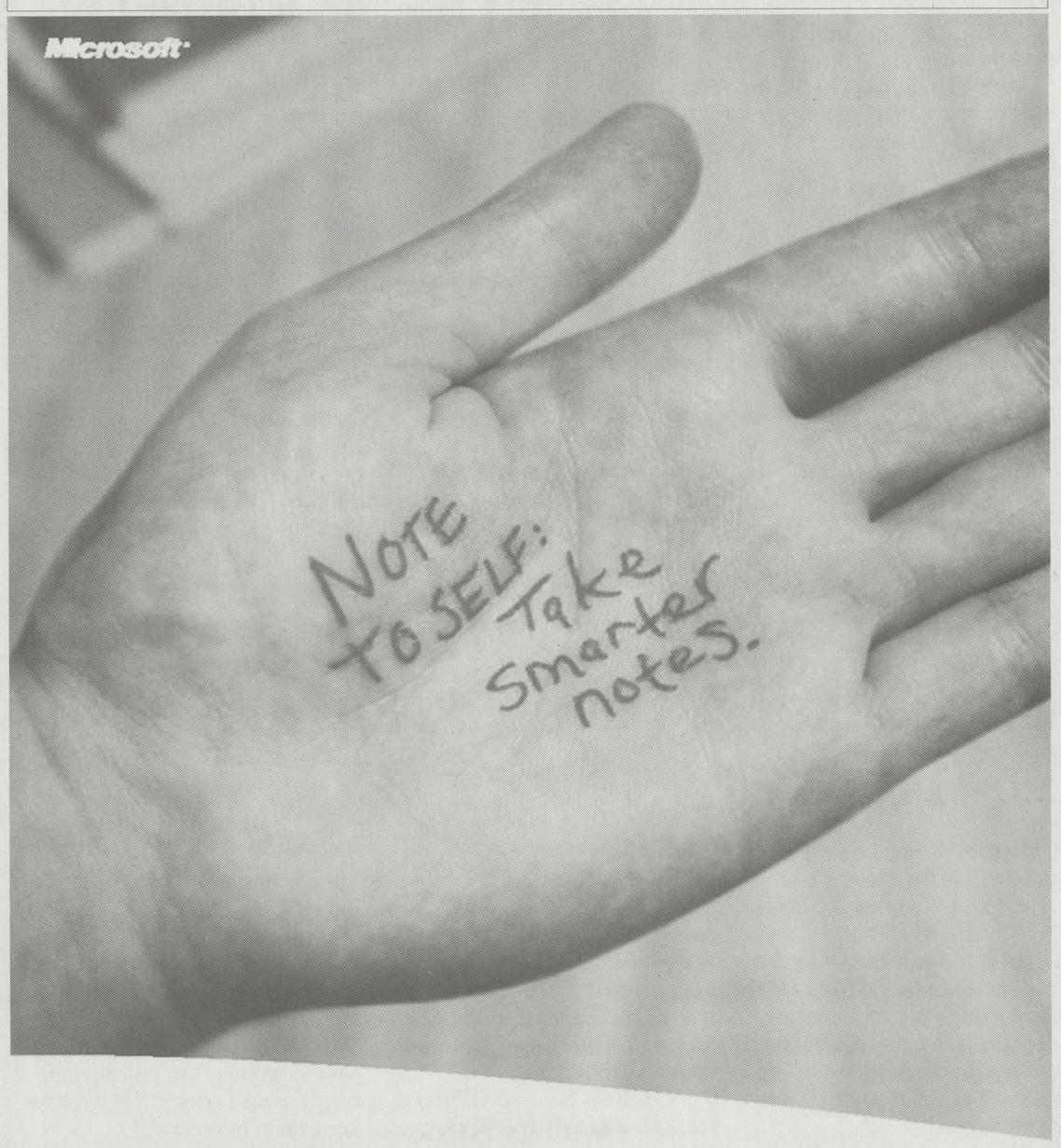

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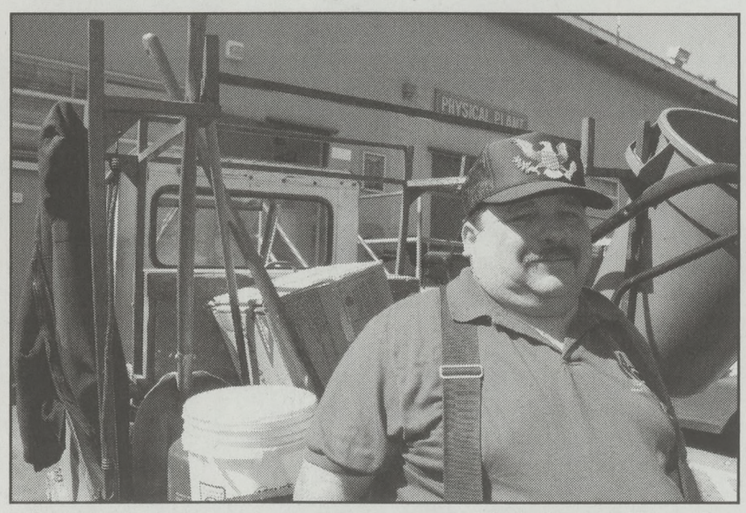

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THE PICKER-UPPER - Valley College gardener Inocente Rodriguez is one of several campus employees put on alert to watch for signs of dead animals possibly killed by West Nile Virus.

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is transmitted by the bite of an infected mosquito.

Approximately 80 percent of people infected with West Nile exhibit no symptoms. About 20 percent have flu-like ailments including headache, fever, nausea, vomiting, body aches and skin rash. Fewer than 1 percent will develop severe illness that could result in death from the disease.

According to the CDC, the best way to protect yourself from West Nile is to use insect repellant containing DEET on exposed skin.

Report standing water or dead birds on campus to administration or call Tom Lopez at (818) 947-2301. For more information on West Nile Virus go to www.westnile.ca.gov or call 877-968-2473.

Valley's History is Storied and Strong

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In 1954, the college started the Athenaeum, a lecture series that offered community programs, bringing internationally known speakers, such as Eleanor Roosevelt, Clement Atlee, Margaret Mead and Louis Leaky, to campus.

"What made everyone jealous, including UCLA and USC, was the Athenaeum, [which] brought world figure speakers, I was the official host, 'The Valley Knight,'" said journalism professor Roger Graham. "I dressed like a knight and escorted the speakers to the podium."

The Athenaeum lasted 17 years. An article in the Valley Star's July 21, 1970 edition cited tensions between Committee Chairman Dr. Arnold Fletcher and the Board of Trustees.

According to Fletcher the board repeatedly refused to approve each proposed fall Athenaeum on the grounds that the majority of the speakers were overly liberal.

"The Athenaeum was one of the most wonderful things this college had," said Graham.

In 1951, the school moved to its current location on Fulton Avenue. Classes were held in 33 bungalows and increased to 45 by 1956.

Enrollment increased to more than 2,300 students by 1952 and by 1954 the school developed a complete counseling program and community service program.

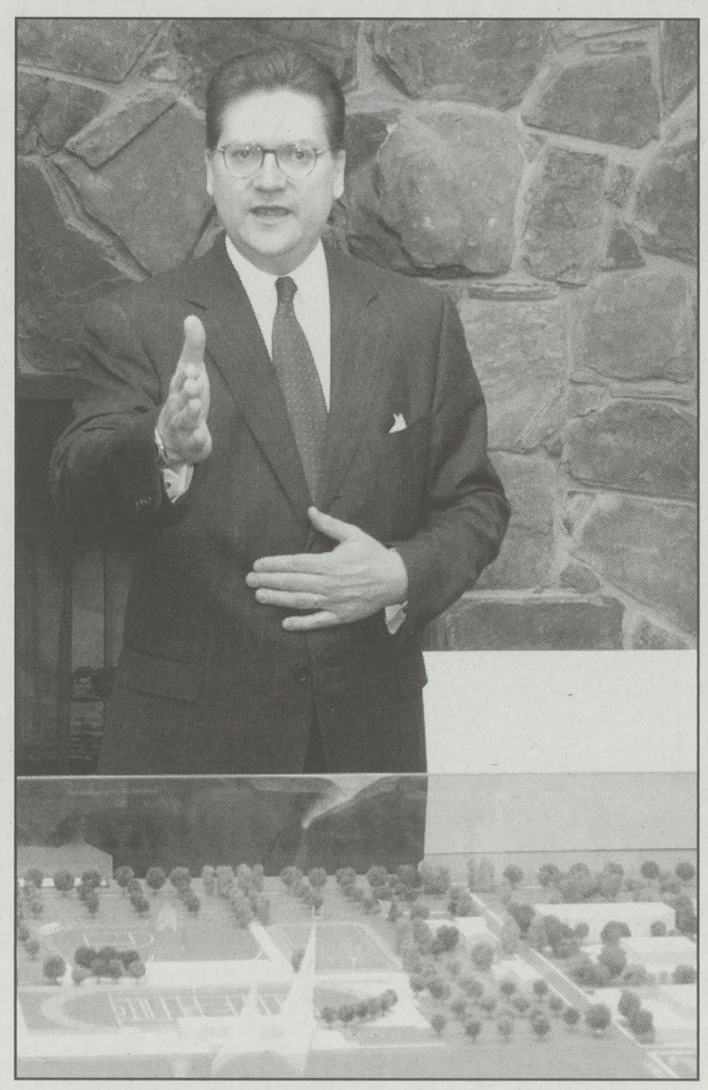
In the mid-50s, a building plan was initiated that transformed Valley's campus into what is today.

With the passage of proposition A in 2001 and AA in 2003, the college is again working to remodel and renovate the campus, including the construction of many new buildings, this time dubbing it "Revitalizing Valley."

On the college's 25th anniversary the Valley College Historical Museum was founded. The museum has become the only museum totally dedicated to the history of the San Fernando Valley.

Valley celebrated its 50th anniversary in 1999 and in 2001 was granted a 6-year renewal of its accreditation; the school continues to offer a number of recreational and cultural opportunities to the, such as the Service Learning Program and many campus clubs ranging from the Broadcasting Club to Ceramics Club.

"The clubs that I remember the most were the Veterans Club and the Sport Car [club]" said journalism professor Roger Graham.



FILE PHOTO

SPEAKER AFTER SPEAKER - Valley College has no shortage of notable people speaking throughout its history. Here, former state assembly speaker Robert M. Hertzberg speaks during the naming of the Library and Learning Resource Center in the Fireside Room March 26, 2003.

New Option Available For Student Parents

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that number will double in the spring due to the high demand for child development classes.

In addition to their internship, students will be placed in a community school after completing the program and will receive a stipend and study credits, according to Roosevelt.

"This goes beyond regular class work," she said. "[These students] will be hearing the discussions, but they'll also have a chance to interact with the babies and toddlers."

This program will give parents the opportunity to build a community with each other and the sessions will not be limited to Valley students only.

"If someone plans to attend the college, but not because they have a new baby to take care of, they can still participate in the program," said Roosevelt.

Okayama and Roosevelt believe that inviting people from the outside community to participate may eventually interest them in taking classes here.

"There are so many people out there with children that need the opportunity to be together and bond," said child development major, Sandra Lopez. "Especially in the first five years because they're so crucial."

Okayama and Roosevelt both stated that this program will increase the visibility for Valley's child development department as a resource within the LACCD.

"We think realistically, the program will build on itself," said Roosevelt. "We're looking for additional funds to expand the program and allow it to continue."

The program will start Oct. 29 at 1 p.m. in math science 110. For more information contact Roosevelt at (818) 778- 5529 or roosevm@lavc.edu.

Vioxx Removed

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tion on its label in 2002.

But the New Jersey-based company and the FDA insisted that the indications of risk were small and inconclusive. Merck continued to aggressively market its drug to consumers through television and magazine advertisements.

The first worldwide class action lawsuit was filed Oct. 5 and more are expected to follow, while similar drugs, such as Celebrex and Bextra, remain on the market. But the authors of two reports released last week by the New England Journal of Medicine said Celebrex and Bextra also may raise the risk of heart attacks and strokes.

La Clase Para La Gente Que Se Represente

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Studies 7 – the Pre-Columbian Period and Spanish Conquest – to Chicano Studies 8, a continuation of the previous class covering everything from the U.S. Revolution to present times.

A class in Chicano literature is also offered, bringing to light the existing issues in the Latino community.

"I took Chicano Studies 8 with Mr. Lopez and learned about Mexican-Americans and the Chicano movement," said Alejandro Galindo." I saw that there was, and still is, a lot of discrimination against Mexicans – we Latinos should be united more than before."

Chicano studies courses address issues regarding Central Americans, Latin Americans, Cubans and Puerto Ricans because the information covered in these classes is relevant to all students.

"I always wanted to learn more about my ex-husband's background," said sociology major Nora Castro. "Through this class I learned a lot about Mexican history and Chicanos, so it was fun."

Chicano Studies is important because it empowers Chicano students and gives them a sense of belonging, according to the department professors. In taking these courses Chicanos learn that their ancestors played a huge role in the formation of this country.

At Valley, the demand for Chicano studies classes is high. Many students claim the classes are often overcrowded and have two waiting lists.

"Judging by the enrollment in my classes, there's a great hunger by diverse groups of Latino ancestry to know about the Chicano," said La Carra.

Valley offers students an associate's degree in ethnic studies with the specialization in Chicano studies.

"We have a lot of young people coming to our department," said Lopez. "We have to keep them interested."

Initially, the Chicano studies curriculum consisted of general U.S.-Mexican history and Mexican history. However, throughout the years the curriculum has branched into different academic disciplines such as literature, anthropology, sociology and psychology.

The best part of teaching is working with the students, to teach and guide them to make education relevant in their lives," said La Carra, who hopes to be teaching until he's 70.

CSI: Valley College

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then claimed he was making moaning sounds due to a bowel movement and was also cleaning some "offensive words off the wall." The Officers were unable to find any evidence of graffiti on the walls.

The suspect, a former Valley student, claimed he was given permission by an instructor to be on campus, however, that instructor denies his claim stating he has kicked the suspect out of the music building several times for sleeping in a classroom.

According to the report, the suspect was taken to the West Hollywood Police Station. The suspect's description matches two prior acts of indecent exposure and charges are pending.

Collision on Campus:

A collision occurred on Campus Drive on Sep. 31. Those involved included a 41-year-old female driving a black Chevrolet Trail Blazer and a male driving a white Toyota Four Runner. According to the driver of the Toyota, he was backing out of the driveway of lot C onto Campus Drive when he collided with the female who was turning from parking lot D. The female was taken to the Valley Presbyterian Hospital with complaints of back pain.

Battery:

A female student attacked the girls' basketball coach Sept. 27 after they had an argument. According to the victim, she had informed the assailant that she would not make the team. The victim then asked the suspect to remove her items and when the suspect refused, the victim proceeded to remove them and then the student assaulted her. According to the report, the victim sustained minor scratches to her throat and left ear while the suspect was uninjured. No charges will be pressed, however, the matter will be forwarded to the college administration.

Show Them The Money

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of all business trips, purchase two out of every three cars and control half of all the personal wealth in the country. However, women's economic power is not reflected in CEO executive suites and boardrooms, even though women-owned businesses are the fastest growing.

Also, according to the Center for Women's Business Research, women-owned firms employ 19.1 million people and generate $2.5 trillion in sales.

Authorities of 85 Broads also state that despite these figures, only eight CEOs in the Fortune 500 are women, less than 15 percent are board directors and only 5 percent are top- earning corporate officers. In addition, women's access to investment capital still represents only a fraction of the total funds being invested in start-up companies globally.

Some students believe that participating in the Buycott is a personal choice for each woman. They state that the women who do join will be sending a powerful message.

"Yes definitely, I'll go for it," said Josefina Torres, a senior office assistant in academic affairs. "All businesses will realize that they won't have any business if we [women] are not out there buying. She is going to encourage her 15-year-old daughter to participate in the Buycott also.

"I think it's a good message" said Torres.

"[It's] making waves to be honest," said math tutor, Dede Smallberg. "Executives make a lot, [it's] not entirely equal, but women have come a long way."

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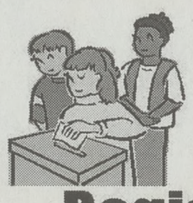

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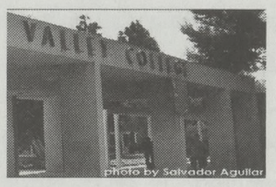

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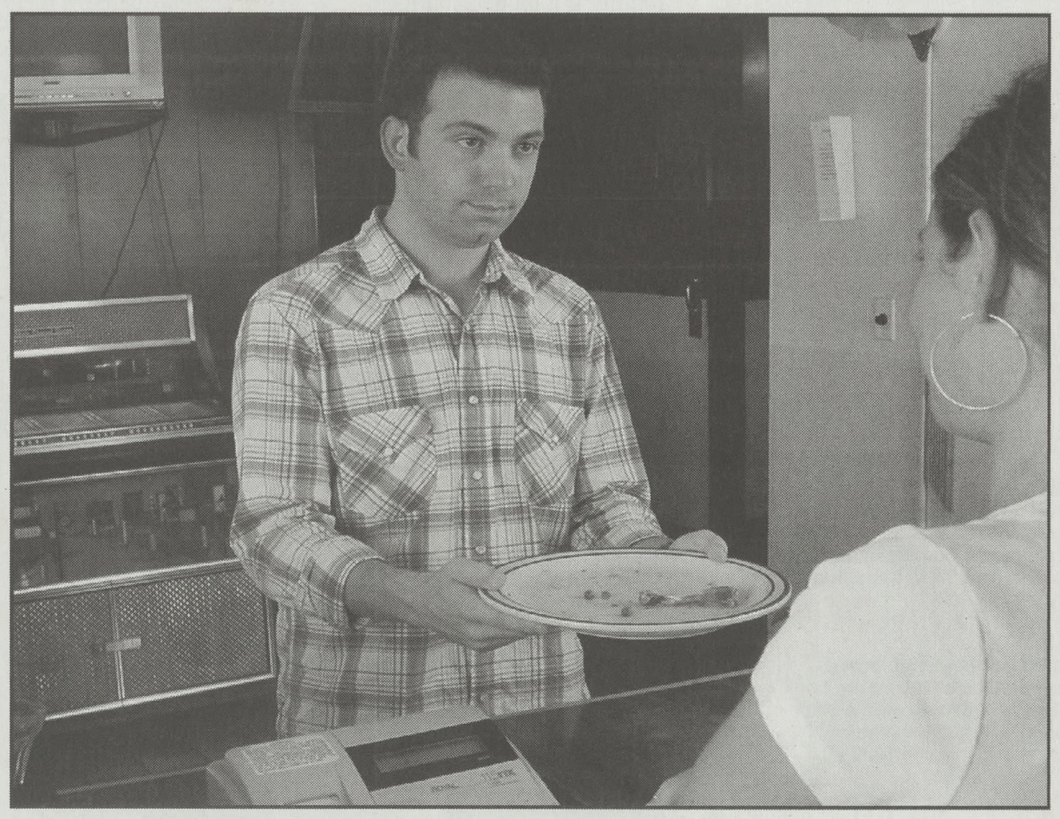

Andy Pernsteiner, above, cautiously approaches counter with chicken bone and a few peas.

By POLLY BROWN

Checking his dignity at the cash register, college student Andy Pernsteiner recently presented a local diner cashier with a plate of picked-over food, demanding money for the vittles he didn't ingest. The cashier—who wishes to remain anonymous—was flabbergasted by the whole incident. "It was both sick and sad at the same time," she said. Pernsteiner had a different take: "I didn't eat the bone, so why should I pay for it?" Pete Woychick—a childhood friend of Pernsteiner's—said it was monthly fees tacked on to his friend's checking account that drove him to the shameless act. "Andy has been pounded for months by fees on his checking account. He's pathetic. I never really liked him when we were kids either." Woychick—who says he personally was financially saved by Washington Mutual's Free Checking Deluxe—thought his childhood friend needed to get his act together and visit a Washington Mutual Financial Center or go to wamu.com. Then he, too, could sign up for Free Checking—an account with optional Deluxe services like free online bill pay. "Until Andy decides to get Free Checking," said Woychick, "I'm never eating out with him again. I'm pretty sure I won't return his phone calls either. I might even change my name."

"I didn't eat the bone, so why should I pay for it?"

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Valley vs. Chaffey (W 10-2)
Valley vs. Cuesta (W 10-6)
M.Water Polo Record: 9-6

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Valley vs. Citrus (L 6-3)
Valley vs. Trade Tech (W 16-6)
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W.Water Polo Record: 8-9

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Wednesday 10/13/04
M.Water Polo@Ventura 3 p.m.
W.Water Polo@Ventura 4:15 p.m.

Thursday 10/14/04
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W.Soccer vs. Glendale 4 p.m.

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Sunday 10/17/04
No Scheduled Games

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No Scheduled Games

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W.Soccer vs. C.O.C 4 p.m.

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W.Water Polo vs. C.O.C* 7 p.m.

Thursday 10/21/04
No Scheduled Games

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Sunday 10/24/04
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Monday 10/25/04
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Tuesday 10/26/04
W.Soccer BYE
Cross Country@WSC Finals 3 p.m.

Wednesday 10/27/04
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W.Water Polo vs. Santa Monica* 4:15 p.m.
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NOTES

MLB
Former San Diego Padre and Houston Astro slugger Ken Caminiti died Sunday of an heart attack in New York. Caminiti was only 41.

MLB
Seattle Mariner Ichiro broke George Sisler's 84 year old hit record by finishing off the 2004 season with 262 hits. Sisler amassed 257 hits in 1920.

MLB
The Los Angeles Dodgers were eliminated from the NLCS Sunday with a 6-2 loss to the St. Louis Cardinals.

MLB
New York Yankees closer Mariano Rivera will return in time for the ALCS after going to his home in Panama as two family members were killed at his home.

NBA
The 19 year old wife of Clevand Cavalier swingman Lebron James gave birth to a boy October 6th.

NFL
The New England Patriots defeated the Miami Dolphins 24-10, and won their 19 straight game breaking the record held by the 73 Dolphins of 17 straight games.

NFL
The Philadelphia Eagles, New York Jets, are the only three remaining undefeated teams in the NFL after the Atlanta Falcons fell to the Detriot Lions, and as the Seattle Seahawks blew a 24-10 lead and lost to the St. Louis Rams.

VALLEY PEOPLE

Burns: Hot on and Off the Field

■ **Offensive Lineman is an inspiration to coaches, teammates, and fellow students by as an example.**

BY SAM HAHN
SPORTS EDITOR

For Tommy Burns the death of his mother in 1999 changed his life.

"My mom was my best friend," said Burns of his mother who passed away on July 30th while suffering from a stroke. Burns adds that his mother's health was fleeting as she was a recovering drug addict.

Looking back on that day, Burns believes that God put him in that situation in order to change him.

"The good lord looked out for me ever since," said Burns, who began attending church after the loss of his mother. "I've become an inspiration to my family, and was only the second member of my family to graduate high school, and the first to go to college."

Burns, the Monarch's 6-foot-3-inch, 300-pound offensive tackle, is not your average football player.

"When you first see him, all you see is a mountain of muscle… but only after getting to know him, do you get to see a mountain of character," explained Duane W. Smith, coach of the Valley speech team, which Burns has been on since spring.

"I was born into a drug infested environment back in October of 1984," said Burns. "I witnessed things that many only see in movies. I saw a lot of gang violence and drug use while I was growing up. I used to see people dying all around me."

"With that, I sort of became numb to my surroundings and soon was dealing with all this corruption around me," Burns said.

To survive, Burns became a part of his environment by selling crack cocaine when he was 10.

"While every other kid was playing with their toys…I was out on the streets selling rocks."

Overcoming much adversity, Burns has been a positive influence to his teammates.

"Tommy is a model teammate because he'll do anything you ask of him," said running back, Edric Prim. "I'm glad he's on my team."

"He is a role-model player," explained football head coach, Ron Ponciano who named Burns as a team captain. "He's made my job fun as he sets the standard for everyone on this team."

Ponciano added that in his 21 years of coaching college football, he has never come across someone finer than Burns.

"He sets a standard for this team on and off the field. [Burns] will take his knowledge and good attitude to the [Division-1] colleges and he will be very successful," said Ponciano. "His work ethic and skill will carry him far in football."

"It's funny because I played offensive guard in high school," said Burns, who moved to the offensive side of the ball after playing defensive all of last season and through four games this season. "I didn't move to defensive end until I came to Valley."

Burns' work ethic and attitude does not end on the football field.

"Tommy was in my health class last fall," said strength and conditioning coach Dave Buchanan. "I could tell he was different. [Burns] was always on time for class, and sat right in the front."

Turning to football has opened many academic and athletic doors for Burns who looks to play for a major Division-1 school next fall.

"I just planted my gift of good size in good soil and it blossomed like a spring flower," said Burns.

Burns also earned a 4.0 G.P.A while taking 17 units last spring.

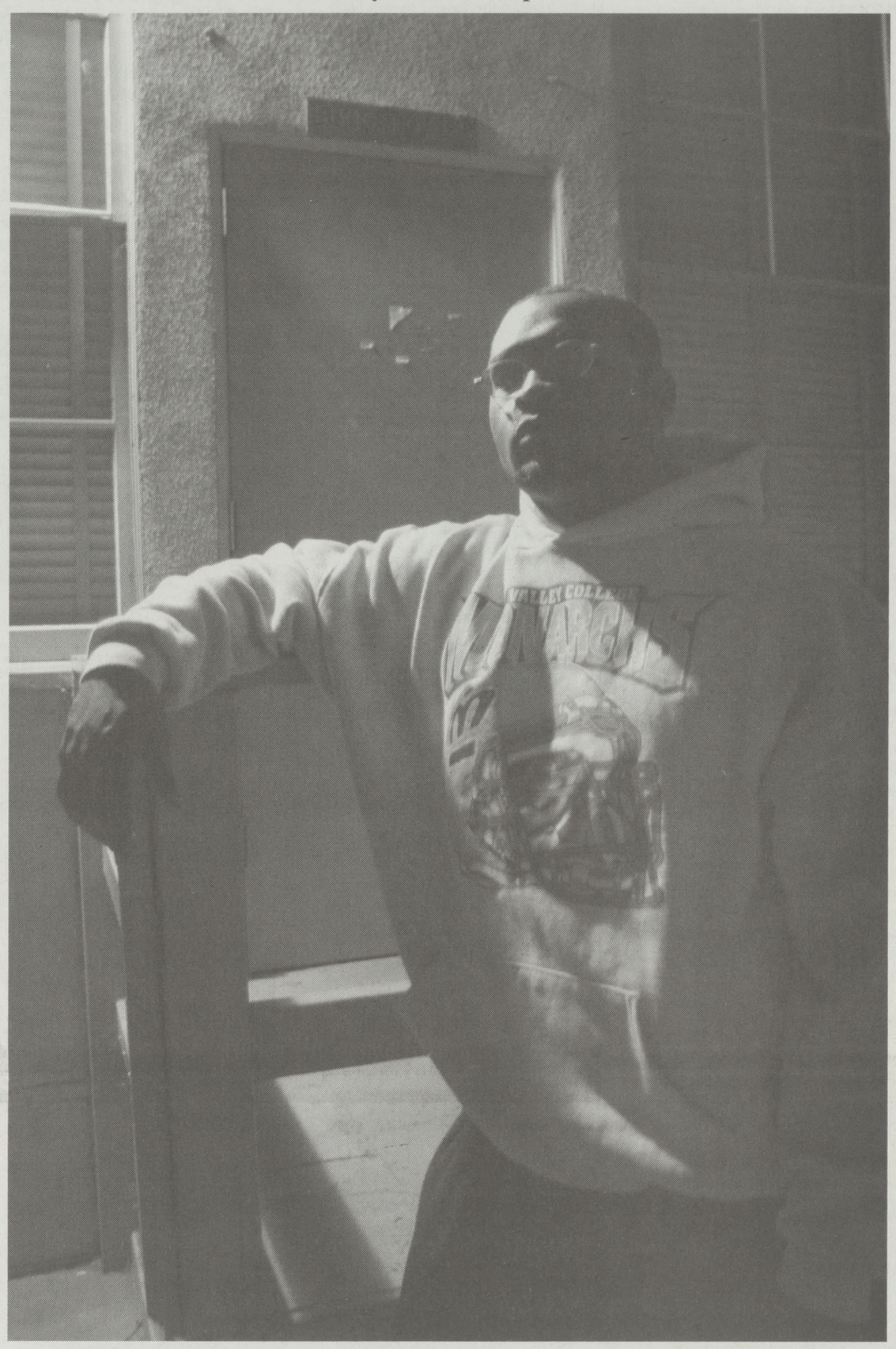
Smith explained that he asked Burns to join the speech team after just hearing him speak for the first time.

"Tommy is the perfect example of what a student athlete should be. While other athletes lack academic drive, he embraces it and shows a great devotion to academics," said Smith.

After playing football at Valley, Burns plans to transfer to a university. He has received letters from some of the nation's top schools "I've received letters from Oklahoma, BYU and Marshall… just to name a few," he said.

"I want to play in the NFL after I'm done with school," Burns said. "But, if football doesn't work out then I want to become a Christian psychologist or a Christian pastor.

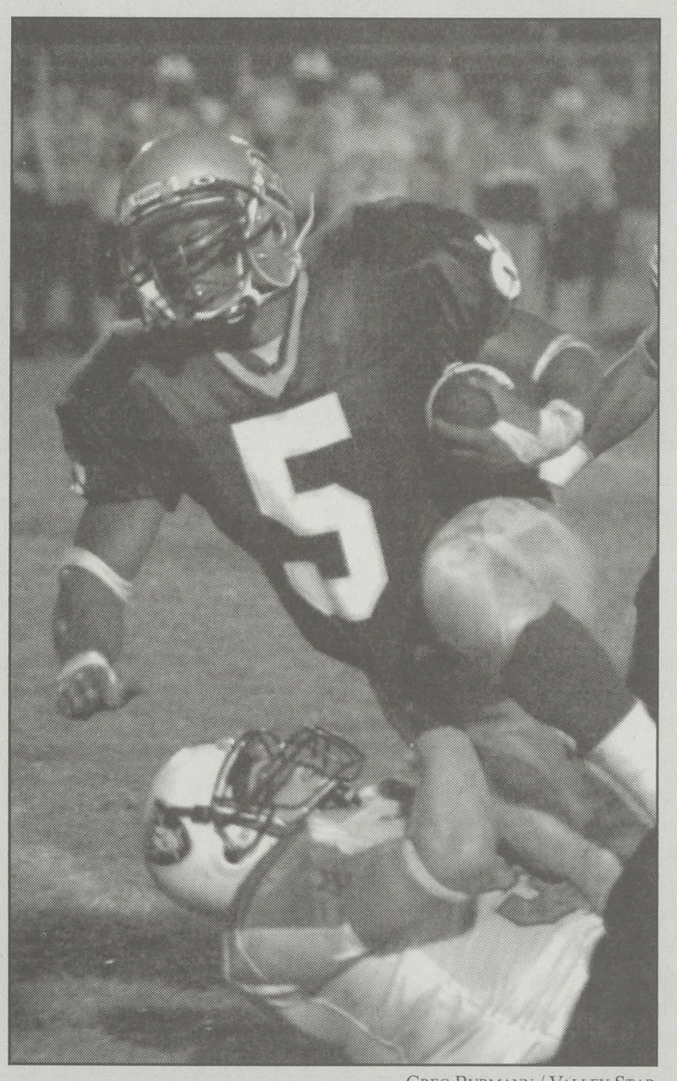
After a moment of silence, Burns smiled and said, "Wait…I think I'll do all three."



BOB TEICHMANN / VALLEY STAR

BIG PLAYER - Flint, Mich. native Tommy Burns is a big part of the Monarch defensive line... literally. The Valley College sophomore stands at 6'3" and weighs in at whopping 305 lbs.

MONARCH FOOTBALL
record: 2-3, 2-0 road, 0-3 home



GREG BURMANN / VALLEY STAR

GOING DOWN - Monarch runningback Edric Primm, 5, attempts to make his way over a Moorpark Raider in a 31-24 loss Oct. 2.

Problems Abound for Bradley

■ **Former Clevand Indian outfielder and current Dodger has a troubled past.**

ZABIE MANSOORY
STAFF WRITER

What is it with the major league baseball players and their lack of temper control? Is it something acceptable as part of the game?

It needs to come to end before it turns to a bull fight.

A week after announcing that he would seek help for his anger management - after being suspended for the rest of the regular season by major league baseball - Dodgers right fielder, Milton Bradley, got into a confrontation with a reporter in the visitor's clubhouse in St. Louis.

On Wednesday Bradley got in a verbal confrontation with Jason Reid, a veteran baseball reporter for the Los Angeles Times, when Bradley told Reid, "You're an Uncle Tom. You're a sellout."

Reid, who is an African-American, found the comment offensive and needed to be separated from Bradley as Reid was stopped by a player at the clubhouse after Bradley refused to answer him.

"I don't appreciate his coverage of our team. I don't appreciate how he talks about me," Bradley said after the confrontation, trying to justify his racial comment.

"I'm a brother. You're a brother," Bradley said. "Do you see any other brothers in here?"

Is he trying to get positive coverage for his bad actions just because of his color?

Reporters have an obligation to report what is the news, not who we are going to make happy with our coverage. But it doesn't seem as though Bradley knows what our job is.

But nobody seems to think that Bradley's action Wednesday was a big deal.

"Ultimately this is an issue that needs to be settled between the two individuals, and we will work with them toward that end," Lon Rosen, Dodgers' executive vice president and chief marketing officer said in a statement.

Times Sports Editor Bill Dwyre said, "I hope the Dodgers are especially diligent in following through on Milton Bradley's anger-management classes."

Reid continously urged Bradley on to comment on his regular season ending suspension before the right fielder turned around and shot back, "You're a sellout."

The incident was recorded on tape before it was erased upon request from Dodger spokesperson John Olguin.

Even though Bradley came to the Dodgers this season with a history of problems, Reid should have never lost his cool as a reporter.

Bradley was ejected four times this season and was suspended twice, most recently for an angry confrontation with a fan at Dodgers' Stadium as he threw a plastic beer bottle into the stadium seats.

The Dodgers and Major League Baseball decided to not investigate the matter, according to Rich Levin, a spokesman for the commissioner.

Bradley returned to the Dodgers in time for the National League Championship Series against the St. Louis Cardinals.

Smoke-Out

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it will be something else."

Others point out that there are more positive ways to keep inmates from smoking.

Jim Lindburg, legislative director for the Friends Committee on Legislation, told the Associated Press that an effective approach would be to encourage prisoners to stop smoking by providing them with nicotine patches and gum, not to force them to quit so abruptly.

Pill Poppers Watch Out

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For years researchers have been warning of a link between the drug and increased risk of heart attack and stroke. Merck ignored those reports, finding holes in the research and calling them inconclusive.

Maybe that's because Vioxx sales reached $2.5 billion last year.

Where was the FDA when all of these reports and clinical trials were being ignored?

The discontinuation of Vioxx occurred just weeks after Merck publicly defended the drug's safety and the FDA approved its use in children as young as 2 years old.

Obviously, the FDA approval process is lacking.

"More than half of all drugs introduced have a new side effect … after approval with the current system. I find that disturbing," said Curt Furberg, a public health sciences professor at Wake Forest University School of Medicine, in an Associated Press article.

Frightening is more accurate.

Until FDA approvals improve and money is no longer a contender in the race for new medications, which may be never, consumers need to keep themselves informed.

Know your pills before you pop them.

Explore Rock

[*Used*] from page 5

that showcases McCracken's trademark howl and the band's emocore roots. While some of the songs take a more mainstream approach, there are still traces of the intricate lyrics and aggressive passion that elevated The Used to the pantheon of the screamo subgenre.

Leading off the album with the single "Take It Away," McCracken espouses his loathing for himself, his life, love and even sunlight. Although he urges for someone to take everything away, McCracken's not entirely broken. The subsequent tracks, "I Caught Fire" and "All That I've Got," prove that there is still optimism in an empty world.

The album continues on this bipolar emotional rollercoaster, at times both hopeful and hateful. More melodic songs such as, "Cut Up Angels" and the uniquely jaunty "Lunacy Fringe," welcome a wider audience, yet manage to retain The Used's expected edge.

Harder tracks like, "Listening" and "Sound Effects and Overdramatics," capture the true essence of The Used, as guitarist Quinn Allmann produces an assault of perfectly timed riffs.

With a spoken word introduction that flows into a kinetic diatribe of self-awareness, the closing track, "I'm A Fake," reinforces the rampant themes of uncertainty and disquietude that seem to follow The Used throughout its career.

The Used is still tortured and afflicted with the anger and heartache that permeated through its first album. On "In Love and Death," the band is just learning how to deal with it.

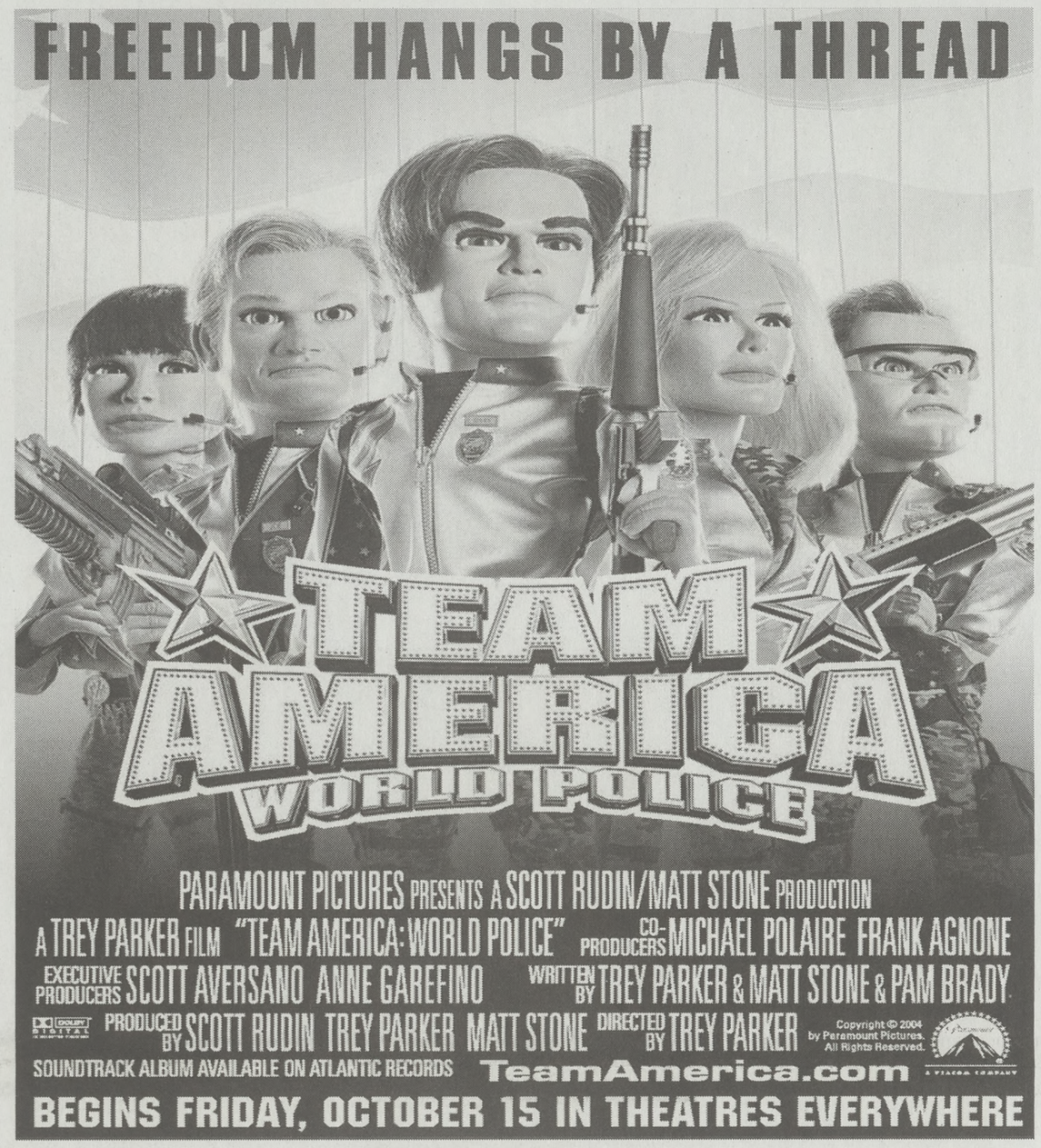
The World Is Black

[*Chronicles*] from page 3

in "The World is Black," with a deceptively catchy melody and lively tempo.

The best song on the album, a hidden track called "Wounded," is the rawest, most honest sound that Good Charlotte has to offer. "Wounded" not only leaves behind some of the overstated, glossy production quality, it also references themes and desires mentioned on previous albums, linking them all together.

"Chronicles" is definitely listenable, but don't take the time to download it unless you have DSL.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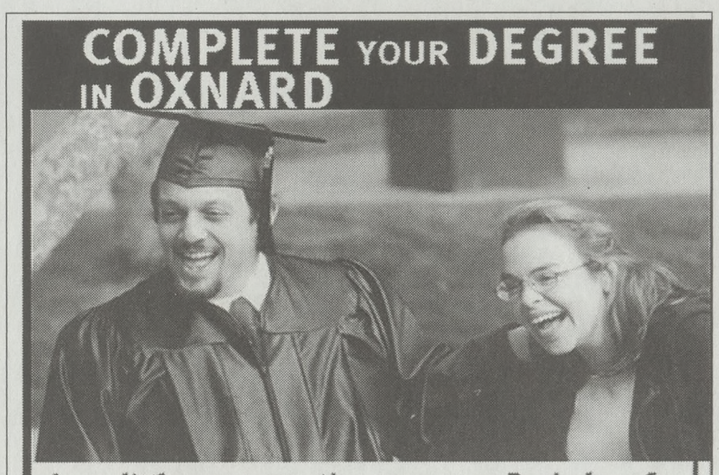

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TIED UP - Jeff Reese, after a 20-year absence from acting, prepares himself for his return role as "Popov."

The Kursk

ALL CONTENT
BY DANIEL VILLASEÑOR

"The Kursk," a student-adapted play, opened to a packed audience Thursday night in Valley's Horseshoe Theatre. The story is based on the true story of the Russian sub-marine involved in a war game, which sank with its entire crew aboard on August 2000. Student writer Denise Dougherty teamed with husband and Valley alumni Addison Randall to bring this tragic story to stage.

"The Kursk" kicks off Valley's play season, to be followed by three short plays running Oct. 14 through Oct. 16.

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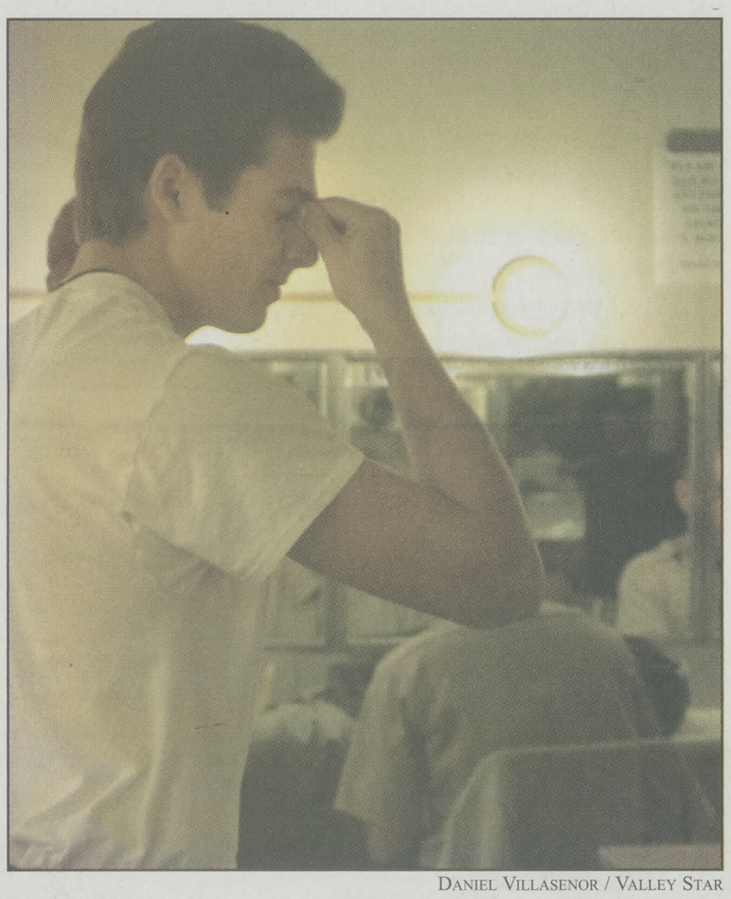

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OH MY GOSH - Anxiety sets in, the pressure is on and the last call for curtain comes as Arthur Ayrapetyan prepares himself before going out on stage.

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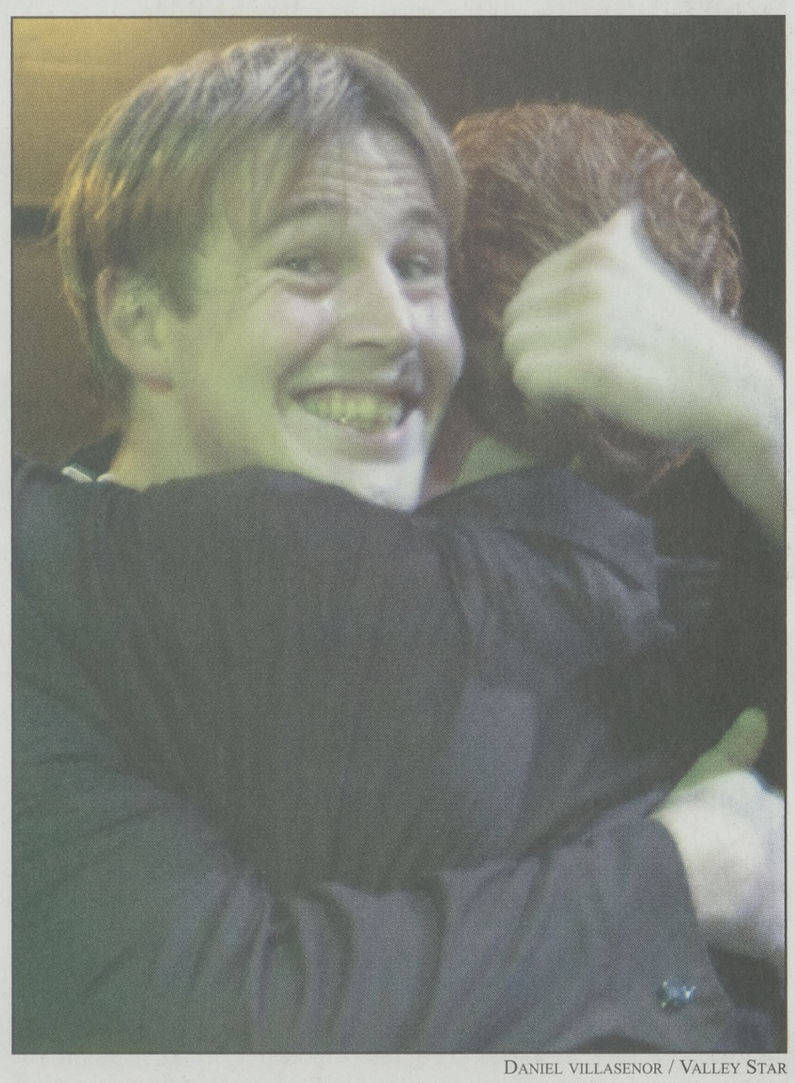
AYE AYE CAPTAIN - A breathtaking performance, an all-star cast and an extraordinary script made the perfect combination for a very successful opening night. Pictured clockwise from the left: Jeff reese, Billy Koegler, Jo Eric Mercado and John Hanlin.

DANIEL VILLASENOR / VALLEY STAR

THE THREE AMIGOS - Tim Miller, left, Sean Schartz, center, and Arthur Ayrapetyan receive with great satisfaction the standing ovation from the audience after an incredible performance on Thursday night. Their chemistry on stage proved to be exceptional.



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RIGHT ON DUDE - Sean Schartz hugs in excitement fellow actor, Tim Miller, and proudly holds two thumps up after his great performance.